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FOLLOWING REPEAT LUSAKA 0953 ACTION SECSTATE 18 APR

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) OTRA RH ZA

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ZAMBIA: MEETINGS WITH RHODESIAN
ANC LEADERS

REF: STATE 094130

1. WE HAVE MET THREE TIMES WITH BISHOP MUZOREWA SINCE HIS
ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA EVENING OF APR 16. AT BRIEF MEETING WITH
AMBASSADOR AND STAFFDEL HUNTER/BATES MORNING APR 17, BISHOP
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION SECY'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH HIM IN
LUSAKA APR 26/27 BUT REGRETTED HE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE IN
LUSAKA ON THOSE DATES. WHEN PRESSED, MUZOREWA RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED
HE HAS APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED IN NORTH AFRICA AT THAT TIME.
UPON FURTHER QUESTIONING THERE STRONG HINT MUZOREWA GOING TO
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LIBYA FOR MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM QADDAFI FOR LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

SAID THIS APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED MORE THAN ONCE
AND HE SIMPLY UNABLE TO CANCEL IT.

2. AMBASSADOR HAD SECOND MEETING WITH MUZOREWA AFTERNOON
OF APR 17 WHEN BISHOP CAME TO RESIDENCE TO SEE SENATOR PERCY
AND AGAIN PRESSED HIM ON MEETING WITH SECY IN LUSAKA. BISHOP
FIRMLY SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. SAID HE COULD MEET WITH
SECY IN WASHINGTON SOMETIME DURING HIS PROJECTED PRIVATE
VISIT TO US IN MAY (LUSAKA 739 AND 745).

3. SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA CARRIED SHOCKING AND MISLEADING HEAD-
LINE "MUZOREWA PLANS KISSINGER SNUB" FOLLOWED BY STORY ON
MUZOREWA'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT EVENING APR 16: "AS FAR AS I
AM CONCERNED I HAVE NO PLANS OF MEETING DR. KISSINGER. TO BE
HONEST, I HAVE NO NEED TO MEET HIM". DCM CALLED ON
BISHOP AT HIS VILLA AT BREAKFAST EASTER SUNDAY MORNING TO IN-
QUIRE ABOUT ACCURACY OF TIMES INTERPRETIVE HEADLINE CONFLICTING
AS IT DID WITH WHAT BISHOP HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR DAY BEFORE.
MUZOREWA CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF REMARKS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED
TO HIM, NOTING THEY MADE PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR
AT WHICH SECY'S INVITATION TO MEET HAD BEEN DELIVERED. HE TOO
DISTRESSED BY MISLEADING AND UNFORTUNATE TIMES INTERPRETATION.
DCM PRESSED AGAIN FOR AGREEMENT BY BISHOP TO MEETING WITH SECY IN
LUSAKA APR 26 OR 27, ARGUING THAT IT IMPORTANT FOR ZAMBABWE
LIBERATION CAUSE THAT SECY BE SEEN TO MEET BOTH LEADERS NOT JUST
ONE. NOTED ALSO IMPORTANCE OF WORLD-WIDE PRESS ATTENTION THAT
WOULD BE GIVEN TO MEETING IN LUSAKA AS COMPARED WITH LIMITED
DEGREE OF ATTENTION PRESS LIKELY PAY TO LATER MEETING IN WASHINGTON.
BISHOP CONSIDERED THESE ARGUMENTS BUT PROMPTLY REJECTED THEM, IN-
SISTING AGAIN THAT HIS APPOINTMENT ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR
APR 26/27 COULD NOT BE BROKEN.

4. WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING ASKING MUZOREWA IF HE WOULD CARE TO
DESIGNATE A DEPUTY (NDABANINGI SITHOLE?) TO ACT FOR HIM IN
MEETING WITH SECY BUT BEFORE DOING SO WOULD LIKE DEPT'S
COMMENTS ON THIS ALTERNATIVE.

5. AS FOR JOSHUA NKOMO, WE HAVE TRIED FOUR OR FIVE TIMES,
SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS, TO CONTACT HIM BY PHONE AT HIS HOME
IN BULAWAYO BUT BECAUSE OF DEATH IN FAMILY HE IS AT RELATIVES'
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HOUSE ONE MILE AWAY. WE HAVE TELCON APPOINTMENT AT 0900 APR 19.

6. WITH REFERENCE TO SUNDAY TIMES STORY MENTIONED PARA 3, WE
HAVE GOTTEN TO ALL WIRE SERVICES IN LUSAKA WHO HAVE AGREED NOT
RPT NOT TO REPORT STORY UNTIL THEY HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY CHECK
ITS ACCURACY WITH BISHOP MUZOREWA. BECAUSE OF DEADLINE PROBLEM,
HOWEVER, BBC WILL PROBABLY CARRY SUNDAY TIMES STORY TOGETHER WITH
CLARIFICATION ATTRIBUTED TO "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" (US) THAT TIMES

STORY IS NOT ACCURATE REFLECTION OF BISHOP'S REAL VIEWS;
MOREOVER THAT STORY IS BASED ON MISINTERPRETATION OF STATEMENT
MADE BY BISHOP AT TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA TWO DAYS BEFORE.
LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING CONTACT MUZOREWA DIRECTLY FOR
CLARIFICATION BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH HIM THUS FAR. DCM
IN HIS MEETING WITH MUZOREWA SUNDAY MORNING URGED BISHOP TO
ISSUE CLARIFICATION WITH PRESS AND WE BELIEVE HE WILL LIKELY
DO SO WHEN PRESS CAN GET IN TOUCH QQTH HIM. WE BELIEVE CLARIFICATION
WILL PROBABLY BE LIMITED, HOWEVER, TO STATEMENT THAT BISHOP
WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SECY KISSINGER WHENEVER
MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND LOCATION CAN BE WORKED OUT.
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